

IN THE CLAIMS

For the Patent Office convenience, all pending claims are presented below with changes shown in accordance with the new required amendment format. Please amend claims 17 and 23. Please cancel claims 14-16, 20 and 22.

1. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
administering a beverage composition suitable for human consumption
comprising effective amounts of the following solubilized components:
a calcium compound;
a pH modifying organic acid in an amount up to the equivalent amount of a
calcium of the calcium compound wherein the final pH range is between pH 3 and
pH 5; and inulin,
wherein the effective amounts are sufficient to reduce the risk of bone density
loss.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises
amounts of Vitamin D₃ and Vitamin K.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the beverage
composition further comprises:
a stabilizing agent comprising at least one stabilizer selected from the group
consisting of maltol , carrageenan and maltodextrin and xanthan gum.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the effective amounts of the
individual components are selected for an individual serving size representing a
portion less than a daily predetermined amount.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises
effective amounts of a magnesium compound.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises an isoflavone.
7. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
administering a beverage composition suitable for human consumption comprising amounts of the following solubilized compounds:
a calcium compound;
a magnesium compound;
a pH modifying organic acid in an amount up to the equivalent amount of a calcium of the calcium compound wherein the final pH range is between pH 3 and pH 5; and;
a fructo-oligosaccharide.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the composition further comprises Vitamin D₃.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the beverage composition further comprises:
a stabilizing agent comprising at least one stabilizer component selected from the group consisting of maltol, carrageenan and maltodextrin and xanthan gum.
10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the effective amounts of the individual components are selected for an individual serving size representing a portion less than a daily predetermined amount.
11. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the composition further comprises an isoflavone.
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17. (Currently Amended) A composition suitable for human consumption comprising a portion of a daily amount of:
a dietary acceptable calcium compound;
a dietary acceptable magnesium compound;
a dietary acceptable inulin;
a pH modifying organic acid in an amount up to the equivalent amount of a calcium of the calcium compound
a dietary acceptable Vitamin D₃;
a dietary acceptable Vitamin K; and
a stabilizing agent comprising at least one stabilizer component selected from the group consisting of maltol , carrageenan and maltodextrin and xanthan gum, such that each component of the composition is soluble in [the] a liquid;
wherein, when combined in solution, the composition is translucent and has a pH range of pH 3 to pH 5

18. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 17, further comprising a dietary acceptable isoflavone.

19. (Original) The composition of claim 18, wherein the isoflavone is a soy isoflavone that comprises at least one of a daidzein compound, a genistein compound, and a glycitein compound.

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21. (Original) The composition of claim 18, wherein the weight ratio of calcium to isoflavones is in the range of ten to one.
22. (Cancel)
23. (Currently Amended) A composition suitable for human consumption comprising a portion of a daily amount of:
a dietary acceptable calcium compound;
a dietary acceptable magnesium compound;
a dietary acceptable inulin; and
a pH modifying organic acid in an amount up to the equivalent amount of a calcium of the calcium compound and,
wherein, when combined in solution, the composition is translucent and has a pH range of pH 3 to pH 5; and
wherein the magnesium compound further comprises phosphorus.